

URBAN DISTRICT of NEW HUNSTANTON

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

Year ended December 31st, 1937.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Herewith I beg to hand you the Annual Report required of me as Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1937.

Area in acres, 1498 (including 434 acres of foreshore).

Population (census 1931, 3132) as estimated by Registrar General, (1937) 2780.

Number of inhabited houses (1937)—1086.

Rateable Value, Building £29,037. Land £737. Sum represented by a penny rate £112.

Vital Statistics.

			Total	Males	Females	
Live Births.	Legitimate	...	27	14	13	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 11.5
	Illegitimate	...	5	2	3	
Still-Birth	...	...	1	1	0	Rate per 1,000 total (live and stiil) births ... 30.3
Deaths	...	...	33	11	21	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 11.8

Deaths from Puerperal causes :—

Puerperal sepsis	...	...	0
Other Puerperal causes	...	...	0
Total	...	...	0

Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	31.2
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	37.03
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	0

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	6
„ „ Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	0

Comparability Factor	0.77
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Particulars of any unusual on excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment ... None.

Causes of Sickness.

Infectious Diseases prevalent during the year were Scarlet Fever, Pneumonia and Erysipelas (for figures see table appended).

Public Health Staff.

1. One part time Medical Officei of Health and one Building Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector combined.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

2. There are two District Nurses, one employed by the Hunstanton S. Edmund's District Nursing Association, managed by a committee with the Chairman of the Urban District Council as President. One Nurse employed by Hunstanton S. Mary's, Holme-next-Sea and Ringstead, conjointly, managed by a Joint Committee.

The funds are supplied by :—

1. Voluntary Contributions and a Contributory Scheme.
2. Subscription of £10 per annum from the Urban District Council.
3. Subscription of £1.1.0 from the Docking Board of Guardians.
4. Fees from Patients.

The Nurses only attend infectious case when it is safe to do so. They are available for work at the Council Schools under the School Medical Officer, and receive fees they earn as an addition to their salary.

Midwives.

3. Two in addition to the District Nurses.

National Health Insurance.

4. Nil.

Poor Law Medical Out Relief.

5. This work is done by the Docking Rural District Council.

Laboratory Work.

6. The County Laboratory at Norwich undertakes to examine swabs for Diphtheria, Sputum for Tuberculosis, and Blood for for widal reaction free of cost.

List of Adoptive Acts.

7. Bye-laws and Local Regulations relating to Public Health are in force in the District.
Public Health Act (Amendment Act) 1890, Part III, adopted January 11th, 1892.
Slaughter-house Bye-laws adopted by your Council, July 19th, 1895.
New Hunstanton Improvement Act, 1903.
Public Health Act, 1907 (Portions).
Public Health Act, 1925 (Parts).

Hospitals.

8. Hospitals provided or subsidized by the Local Authority or by County Council.
 - (a)
 1. Tuberculosis. None.
 2. Maternity. None.
 3. Children. None.
 4. There is an Isolation Hospital for Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria with five bed, supported wholly by your Council, situated on the main road one mile due South of the Town. This will be closed when the County Isolation Hospital is opened at Dereham in 1938.
 5. Small Pox—No special Hospital, the Fever Hospital could be used as such.
 6. Surgical and Medical cases are sent to the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital at King's Lynn.
 - (b) General Medical and Surgical—West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.
Children—Ditto.
Maternity—None.
Venereal Disease—West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.
Tuberculosis—None.
Chronic Sick—Exton's Road Infirmary, King's Lynn.
Mental—Norwich.
Mental Deficiency—None.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum—None.
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia—None.
Orthopædic—West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.
Ear, Nose and Throat—Ditto.
Facilities for Operative Surgery, X-ray, Radium, Dental, Ophthalmic and Massage are available at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.

Maternity and Nursing Homes.

9. No Materity Home in the District. There are two Nursiug Homes in Hunstanton, supervised and inspected by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Maternal Mortality.

10. Mr. C. E. S. Jackson, F.R.C.S., of King's Lynn is consultant in cases of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia.

11. There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children.

12. There is no institutional provision for the care of Mental Defectives.

Ambulance Facilities.

13. For infectious cases a motor ambulance is provided. This can also be rendered available for the removal of infected bedding and clothing for disinfection. For Non-infectious and accident cases a motor ambulance is provided, by a local committee, the S. John's Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society conjointly, for use in the district. It is worked by a local committee, and is self-supporting as far as possible.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

14. Orthopædic Clinics. Tuberculosis Dispensaries, Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases are provided by the Norfolk County Council, at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital at King's Lynn.

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Infectious Diseases.

Disinfection of premises was carried out in ten cases during the year.

House Scavenging.

Some 2062 tons of refuse was burnt at the Destructor during the Summer months. Tipping was resorted to in the Winter and further land reclaimed for car parking purposes by this means.

Sewerage and Drainage.

One short sewer extension on estate development was carried out. At the North Ward outfall Works the filtering bed was thoroughly overhauled and new media introduced, whilst the percolating distributor was entirely re-conditioned.

Water Supply.

Samples of the public supply were analysed from time to time and reported to be bacteriologically pure.

General.

Workshops, Bakehouses, Dairies and Cowsheds were periodically inspected and a satisfactory standard of cleanliness maintained.

There is one Accredited Milk Producer registered in the District, and samples submitted to the County Laboratory have proved satisfactory.

Two orders from the Justices were obtained during the year in regard to unsound meat, which was siezed and destroyed.

A sample of the sea water from the Bathing Pool, which is filtered, aerated and chlorinated, was taken during the Season. This showed a high quality of purification.

Disinfection.

Your Council have not yet proceeded with the installation of an efficient disinfecter. It is a matter calling for urgent attention.

Sea Water.

There is an open-air Swimming Pool owned by the Council. The water is filtered, aerated and chlorinated and the condition of the water is entirely satisfactory.

Schools.

The sanitary condition is good. Water supply, Public and satisfactory.

SECTION D.—HOUSING.

	1937.
Number of new Houses erected during the year :	
(a) Total (including number given separately under (b) —	11
(i) By the Local Authority	0
(ii) By other Local Authorities	0
(iii) By other bodies or persons	11
(b) With State assistance under the Housing Acts :	
(i) By the Local Authority	
(a) For the purpose of Part II of the Act of 1925	0
(b) For the purpose of Part III of the Act of 1925	0
(c) For other purposes	0
(ii) By other bodies or persons	0
1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	100
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	125
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included in the sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925)	27
(b) Number of inspections made	51
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to Health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (inclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	4
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officer	11
3. Action under statutory powers during the year :	
(a) Proceedings under Sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930 :	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs...	2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a) By Owners	2
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	25
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	23
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0
(c) Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	0
(d) Proceedings under section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	0
4. Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding :	
(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	2
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	1
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	9
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	0
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	2
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	5

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Sanitary Inspector.

Infectious Diseases Notified during the Year.

Disease.	Total Cases.			Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	6			2	0
Pneumonia	3			0	0
Measles	1			0	0
Erysipelas	1			0	0

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods				New Cases				Deaths			
				Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1—10				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10—20				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20—35				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45—55				1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total ...				1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

Action taken in regard to Tuberculosis employees in milk trade.	None.
Action taken under Article 3.	None.
Notices served under Article 5.	None.
Number of appeals under Article 6.	None.
Number of cases in which compensation has been paid.	None.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

Action taken by your Council under this section during 1937.	None.
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I append the Sanitary Officer's Report and wish to thank him for his kind assistance.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. H. BULL, M.B. (Cantab.)

